



In Memoriam: G. Martin Booth, III



G. Martin Booth, III, co-founder and President of Geothermal Development Associates (GDA) for nearly 41 years, has passed away at the age of 85.

Martin came to Reno in 1957 to continue his geology studies at University of Reno, Mackey School of Mines. He spent the next eight years as a petroleum geologist for Superior Oil in Denver and Houston, returning to Reno in 1968. Over the next few years he worked as a consulting geologist before he and his business partner, Dave Mendive, started Geothermal Development Associates in 1978. Over the next 41 years the two worked to develop geothermal resources in the United States and across the world. Many of their projects involved exploring geothermal resources and developing geothermal power plants in undeveloped countries such as Indonesia, Ethiopia, Papua New Guinea, Djibouti, and Kenya. He was also an active member of the Nevada Petroleum and Geothermal Society, Geothermal Resources Council, and World Geothermal Congress.

While Martin was known as a pioneer of the geothermal industry, many also had the privilege of knowing him personally. He loved to travel with Karen, his wife of 32 years. One of his many joys was having Karen accompany him to the World Geothermal Congress (WGC) Conferences all over the world. Martin is survived by his five children, Curtice (Evelyn), Stephen (Lisa), Douglas (Amy), Brad Koch (Bonnie), and Melanie Van Dyke (Don), his seven grandchildren, Kate, Benjamin, Cameron, David, Bria, Ella, and Alexander, brother-in-law, two sisters-in-law, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, sister, and brother-in-law.

Martin was kind and compassionate with a sharp wit and a great sense of humor, enjoyed a good laugh over a good beer, and if you needed a quick chocolate break, you never had to look any further than his top drawer. He encouraged everyone he knew to travel, explore, and grow. Martin will be sorely missed.